Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No. Seeing that some of the communities are over-represented, I called for the file, but unfortunately there was no one from the other communities with the requisite qualifications to be selected.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there were some applicants with requisite qualifications other than those given in the list?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, belonging to same classes.

FISHERY RESEARCH OFFICER—TERM—EXTENSION OF

28. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the report of the Fishery Research conducted by the Fishery Research Officer has not been submitted ; and

(*b*) the purpose for extending the term of office of the Fishery Research Officer ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes. It has been submitted.

(*b*) To depute the Fishery Research Officer to Calicut to study the methods of extraction of shark oil at the Government Factory there and to Malpe to acquaint himself with the new methods of catching large quantities of fish by easy means.

29. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will Government be pleased to place on the table the petition put in by Mr. C. K. S. Moni referred to in the Government order extending the term of office of the Fishery Research Officer?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* A copy of the petition is placed on the Council Table.

COCHIN HARBOUR—APPOINTMENTS IN

30. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* With reference to appointments in the Port of Cochin or in the Harbour Offices, will Government be pleased to state what voice they have in the matter, if any?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Appointments to permanent posts carrying a salary of Rs. 300 or less per mensem and appointments to temporary posts carrying a salary

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